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Grumman stars shine at Andrews AFB

Four stars of Grumman's aircraft contingent recently participated in the Armed Services Day celebration at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

An estimated crowd of over 125,000 people gathered for the joint-service open house. Highlight of the all-day event was the aerial demonstrations by the Air Force's "Thunderbirds" and the Navy/Grumman F-14 Tomcat — long recognized as a crowd-pleaser. Other aircraft on the front line of the nation's defense also demonstrated their air prowess.

Another Tomcat on static display next to the EA-6A, E-2C Hawkeye and A-6E offered attendees a close-up view of the first-line members of the U.S. Navy's air arsenal.

On the cover, the F-14 air superiority fighter takes off as the crowd watches from the shadows of the E-2C Hawkeye.

(Photo by Gerry Costello)

people

Judging from the actions of the Grumman Krystal Kracker C.B. Club, people with citizen band radios in their cars do more than look for "smokey."

With the Sound Breakers C.B. Club of Long Island, the Grummanites recently held an impromptu two-day "coffee break" for the benefit of two local families.

They had lost all their belongings along with their home in a recent fire. Joining forces with the other L.I. group, the Krystal Krackers went on the airwaves and began spreading the word that any one who wished to donate clothing, food and other contributions could drop them off at a designated area in Amityville.

The result: over $500 cash and much needed food and clothing. The drive is still on. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, contact club president Harvis Keahey, Ext. 2614.

Spreading the word

So many Grummanites asked the people in the "Clean Room" about the space suits that astronauts used, that it was thought it might be a good idea to display the suit after the Apollo program ended.

After NASA gave the suit to the Smithsonian, the Institute agreed to lend it to Grumman Aerospace. So for the past five years, Grumman's Community Affairs program enlisted the services of Bill Eveland, an Environmental Control Systems technician, to give demonstrations and lectures with the Apollo 13 space suit to children and civic groups around Long Island.

"I don't wear the suit," says Bill. "It's much too hot in there, but when I inflate the suit and prop it against a ladder, it appears to come alive." Bill has appeared on educational television with the space suit and has lectured to many organizations in the company's program to display space technology to interested groups.

Today, Bill gives his final demonstration for a school audience. The suit is going back to the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institute. Currently eight museums around the country are vying for it.

Next question. *Bill Eveland fields queries from interested future astronauts on Channel 67's Captain Ahab tv program.*

Return engagement. *Dan Celentano recently returned to Grumman to examine the mural he painted during World War II accompanied by his wife Margaret, son Dan, and Grumman historian Herman Schonenberg.*

Memory lane

Though they had not seen the painting for 33 years, Dan and Margaret Celentano could not possibly have forgotten it. So when son-in-law Charlie Fredericks of Metal and Welding Engineering showed them the May 12 edition of PLANE NEWS, which contained an article on the mural originally painted by Celentano, it set in motion a very special return visit to Grumman.

When Dan Celentano painted the "Flight of Man" around 1942, he was working in the Art Department in Plant 2. One spring day in 1945, when Margaret Dwyer came to work for the company, she received her orientation in the Plant 2 Library. She saw the mural hanging there . . . and she liked it.

A few days later, Margaret was told by her supervisor to go upstairs to Dan Celentano and have her safety glasses checked. Being new, Margaret didn't question why somebody in the Art Department was supposed to check out her safety glasses, but after a very short while, her Irish intuition told her something wasn't quite right. Celantano admitted it was a ruse to get to meet her. They were married six weeks later.

At war's end, Celentano went to work for a printing house and a large bank. He continued painting, mostly as a sideline until his retirement 12 years ago. Then Dan gave full-time to his painting endeavors, mostly portraits and smaller paintings. Over the past decade, he has given a number of one man shows. He has paintings hanging in schools and libraries along the East Coast. O'Toole Associates, who are currently handling Dan's paintings, are arranging a fall showing in Virgina.

For the Celentano's however, the special "showing" of "The Flight of Man" at warehouse 6, has to rate as one of their most pleasant and surprising experiences. Son Dan, who had never seen the mural was surprised at its size, while for Margaret and Dan senior it brought back so many memories of their first meeting.

Company historian Herman Schonenberg says plans are to exhibit the mural at special showings and eventually, hopefully, to present it to Long Island's first aviation museum.

Name Somerville GAC director

On Thursday, May 18, Grumman Aerospace announced the election of Bob Somerville to its Board of Directors.

The Grumman Allied President has a long association with Grumman. He began his career in 1957 as an industrial engineer in Tooling and Methods. Between 1958 and 1966, he took on added responsibilities in manufacturing engineering and product support.

After attending Harvard's Management Development Program in 1966, he was named deputy

Bob Somerville

director of Product Support, a position he held until 1970 when he became president and director of Grumman Pacific Ltd., a Grumman International subsidiary.

When Grumman Pacific became inactive in 1971, Somerville was named staff assistant to Bob Loar, Grumman Allied senior vice president, and later, president. He was named vice president in 1972, and executive vice president in 1974. Two years later, he was appointed president and a director of Grumman Allied Industries.

On behalf of. *Tom Rozzi (L), Vice President-Personnel Services and Security, accepts Nassau Heart Association's Distinguished Leadership Award for Grumman Aerospace from Nassau County Executive Francis Purcell at the recent 14th annual Heart Ball.*

John Galaway

Ray Geminski

Fred Heppler

They find bonda-fide reasons for ideas

Thirty-seven Grummanites received U.S. Savings Bonds during the past three months for suggesting ideas that saved the company over $2-million in the past year. All together, the suggestion winners received $13,450 in bonds (face value) with an associated savings to the company of $2,119,199.

John Galaway's lone Project Sterling suggestion in his 19 years with Grumman Aerospace was good enough to gain him a $2,500 U.S. Savings Bond and placed him at the head of the list for March Project Sterling winners.

The Facilities Maintenance heating and air conditioning mechanic proposed a simplified environmental control system for Plant 1. "I spent two hours at home one night working out the system," said John.

In the heating and cooling system John proposed, manual control resetting is eliminated and less steam is used. The associated savings for the first year of use is $125,000. Not bad for two hours work.

Fred Heppler of Final Inspection at Calverton, turned a problem around and became the year's highest award winner thus far. Fred topped the April list with an award of $2,525 in savings bonds for suggesting that pallet inside dimensions used on VAST testing be turned 90° to cut down on wiring.

Thus far, 4000 feet of wire has been saved and there has been a greater improvement in cable maintainability and reliability. The associated first year savings reached $128,448.

Ray Geminski won $1000 in savings bonds for his suggestion of repackaging and substituting existing F-14 spare instrumentation equipment instead of rebuilding an eight-channel quick response telemetry instrumentation package. The replacement package has the added capability of 30 data channels as compared to the previous eight. Ray, who leads the May contingent of Project Sterling winners, is an instrument technician in Plant 6.

Also being awarded bonds for March, April and May were:
$650 — Ted Pupilla, Prod. Plt., Pl. 3.
$600 — Henry Martinsen, Templates, Pl. 2.
$575 — Robert Lopez, Elect. Box Fab., Pl. 43.
$500 — William Turner, Operations, Pl. 66.
$375 — John Stocker and Charles Schmitt, Reqts. Plann. Pl. 30.
$325 — Roy Kandler, Elect. Final Assy. Pl. 43.
$300 — Daniel Tauriello, Plast. Tool, Pl. 11. Allen McCaffery, Structures, Pl. 6.
$250 — Jack DelPorte and Ronald Gomes, Tech Ops., Pl. 77.
$200 — Alphonse Tetta, Calv. Whse, Pl. 8. Joseph Niemczyk, Alodine, Pl. 3.
$175 — Joseph Mezzatesta, ILS Resour. Cont. Pl. 40. George Stolworthy, Repair Cont. Pl. 6.
$150 — Michael Altman, Requirements Plan., Pl. 43. Robert Burns, Henry Gage and George Hempel, Methods Engr. Pl. 3. Salvator Cappiello, Advance Plan, Pl. 30. Alan Van Weele, Dynamic Test and Frank Beckert, Static Test, both of Pl. 5. Ernest Rasmussen, EBW Final Assy., Pl. 2.
$125 — William Lent, Structures, Pl. 7. Raymond Whelen, Control Shipping, Pl. 17.
$100 — Alfred Neuman and William Fiorenza, Jigs and Fixtures, Pl. 2.

Nail costs down. *George Skurla, Grumman Aerospace chairman and president, examines 'spike pen' that will be given to the first 1,000 Grummanites who submit time- and cost-saving ideas to Motivational Program Office, headed by Rich Friedel (R). (Photo by Fred Annette)*

Nail cost down

A new campaign sponsored by the Motivational Programs Office kicks off this month. The first 1,000 Grumman men and women who submit their time- and cost-saving ideas will receive a pen — and the opportunity to win bond awards.

The pen, which looks like a spike, has this message inscribed on it: "Help George do it: keep costs nailed down."

If you've been keeping your suggestion a secret, now is the time to let everyone know about it. Don't be shy. Employee Suggestion forms are available throughout the company on bulletin boards. If you're having a little trouble putting your idea on paper, ask your supervisor for assistance or call the Motivational Programs Office, Ext. 6317. They'd be happy to help you.

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EPAC board

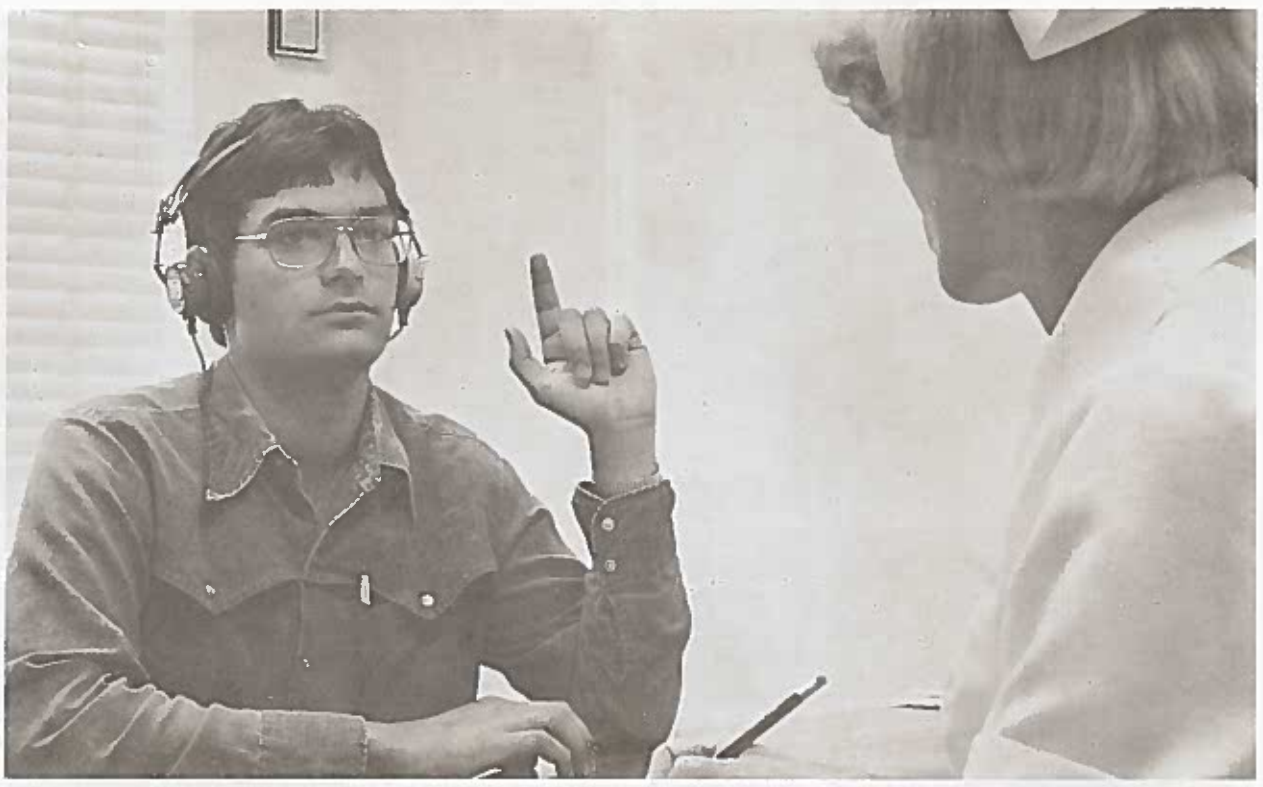
Safeguarding environment

"Okay, get your earphones in place, and put your elbow up on the table. Now open and close your fist as soon as you hear a sound."

Most of us are familiar with hearing tests, usually taken in school or as part of an employment physical. After those two occasions, many of us never have our hearing checked again.

Although all Grummanites who work in manufacturing areas and are exposed to loud noises are provided with appropriate ear protection, Grumman will soon begin an annual hearing test program for them. The program will start within the next few weeks, according to Dr. Roy Fagin, associate director of the Medical Department and head of the company's new Environmental Planning and Control Board.

Because the number of people to be tested (over 3,600) is too large for Grumman's Medical Department to handle, the testing will be done by an outside firm, the Hearex Company.



'When you hear the tone. . .' *Lou Camerlengo of Plant 36 shows how simple it is to take a hearing test. Similar tests will be conducted through a program of the Environmental Planning and Control Board. (Photo by Fred Annette)*

Insuring compliance

This will be the first contact many Grummanities have with the Environmental Planning and Control Board (EPACB), which was established about 18 months ago. The purpose of the board is to insure Grumman's compliance with all Federal, state, and local regulations dealing with health, safety, and the environment.

"The company has always been concerned with the well-being of all Grummanites, and has always taken the appropriate precautions for their health and safety," says Dr. Fagin. "But Federal, State, and local governments are playing an ever-expanding role in industrial safety, with myriad rules and regulations. And Grumman, like so many other companies, has formed an EPACB to insure uniform compliance with government guidelines."

Since the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, more and more government agencies have been empowered by Congress to set up regulations concerning industry. The Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Department of Transportation, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Food and Drug Administration are just a few agencies that are now monitoring industrial activities.

"And, anticipating the passage of new regulations, we're planning ahead now to assure our compliance," says Dr. Fagin.

All hands

That sort of planning has become an across-the-board effort. The EPACB will have representatives from Facilities Engineering and Facilities Maintenance, Industrial Safety and Hygiene, the Legal Department, Materials and Processes, Medical, Corporate Procurement Operations, Career Education and Development, and Manufacturing. As head of the group, Dr. Fagin reports to John O'Brien, Senior Vice President-Administration and Resources.

"The goal of our program is to develop a complete Grumman Aerospace compliance program to safeguard the health of all people working here, in the present and in the future, along with the updating and expansion of existing programs," says Dr. Fagin.

The EPACB has the following responsibilities:

- *Establishing safe handling procedures* for chemicals and materials used in manufacturing or associated activities. This consists of an outline of what chemicals can be ordered; who can order them; how and where they are to be stored and distributed, and so forth.

"Procedures do exist now," says Dr. Fagin, "but they must be even better coordinated. Many departments will be involved in this effort."

Dr. Fagin notes that the Federal Department of Transportation is involved in this as well. "When we take chemicals from Bethpage to Calverton, for instance, we're using public roads. Understandably, the government wants to know in great detail what our safety precautions and methods are.

"Another part of our work in this area is to substitute less toxic chemicals for toxic ones wherever possible. We're also concerned with the handling and disposal of industrial waste after the manufacturing process is complete."

- *Training.* "There are about 7,000 Grummanites in manufacturing areas who will receive additional training in job safety," says Dr. Fagin. "This training will be updated every year.

"Safety training is an area that the government is taking a very hard look at. Since the Occupation Health and Safety Act of 1970, training is no longer viewed as a nicety offered by industry. It's seen as an obligation, and there's already a considerable amount of legislation about it."

- *Safety monitoring and testing of the environment.* "In accordance with new regulations, we'll be surveying all plants and keeping a computerized list of all chemicals. We'll also be testing samples of any substance that affects the environment of the workplace . . . such as water, air, and industrial waste," says Dr. Fagin.
- *Medical planning.* The hearing test program is part of this phase. Yearly physicals are being planned as well for all workers who are exposed to hazardous chemicals. EPACB will develop a medical safety and chemical data-management system . . . a bank of computerized information that will keep track of an individual's health as it relates to his occupation, comparing him to his co-workers, both in his own area and dissimilar areas in the company. Government regulations will expect industry to keep track of possible work-related illnesses in this way, according to Dr. Fagin.

"We're not expecting to uncover any unsafe conditions or disease trends or anything else," says Dr. Fagin. "Grumman has always run a safe shop, and we're proud of that. But through the work of the Environmental Planning and Control Board, we will concentrate, unify, and expand our efforts to keep our environment — and our people — safe."

obituaries

JOHN HERNANDEZ of ILS Commodities Control, Pl. 35, died May 9 at the age of 25. He had been with the company since 1975 and resided at 58 Anchor Lane, Levittown.

Personals

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank all my friends at Grumman and Employee Services for their kind expression of sympathy during the recent loss of my wife. Paul Babcock

I wish to express my appreciation to my friends, co-workers and Employee Services for their kind expression of sympathy during the recent loss of my mother. William Buchman

My family and I wish to thank all our friends at Grumman and at the Bethpage Federal Credit Union for their kindness and sympathy during my husband's recent illness and passing. Bette Petruk

I wish to thank all my friends and co-workers for their kindness during my recent illness. Bob Hutchinson

Words cannot express my gratitude for the good wishes and encouragement received during my recent illness. Norman Lewin

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank all our friends at Grumman and Employee Services for their sympathy and kindness during the recent loss of my mother. Richard Petrusa and family

Alcoholic's family, friends suffer too

Jack hangs up the phone after telling his boss that he won't be in today; it's his third absence in four weeks and he's just invented another virus. The real problem is that Jack's wife, Ellie, has been drinking quite a bit lately. She's already had two drinks this morning and Jack is afraid to leave their two preschoolers with her all day.

Janice has been with the company for 12 years . . . since her son, Pete, was in second grade. Pete is 19 now, and failing in his sophomore year of college. He stays out every night until 3 or 4 a.m., drinking with his friends. Janice stays up worrying until he comes home, even though she has to be up at 6 to get to work.

Every morning brings a new battle to get Pete out of bed and off to classes. He usually doesn't make it, and Janice is frequently late for work. She and her husband fight bitterly about Pete. Although her work record has always been excellent, Janice's supervisors are concerned about her recent attendance and poor job performance.

Heavy toll

Both Jack and Janice are suffering from the illness of alcoholism . . . even though neither of them are problem drinkers. Alcoholism is a family disease. Statistics show that most alcoholics seriously affect the lives of four of their relatives or close friends.

The National Council on Alcoholism uses the term "significant other" to describe the key person in the alcoholic's life, the one most affected . . . frequently the spouse.

Because of the tremendous stresses on the alcoholic's "significant other," job performance is almost always impaired. When the employee can manage to get to work on time or get to work at all, he or she is so emotionally drained and distracted that a full day's work is impossible. This is where many companies, and Grumman is one of them, feel the obligation and the right to intervene.

Tom Conley of Personnel Relations for Grumman says, "What we want employees to know is that we do have the resources to help them, and that we stress total and complete confidentiality."

"When we started the alcoholism program here at Grumman," says Conley, "we designed it to have both an in-house capability and outside referral areas. This way, individuals seeking help can use our facilities, or, if it makes them more comfortable, we can direct them to a number of other organizations."

The Al-Anon Family Group, an outgrowth of Alcoholics Anonymous, is one such organization. One of their brochures states, "Any family, wife and children, who have had to live with an alcoholic a number of years are bound to be rather neurotic and distorted themselves. They can't help it."

Supporting role

Many treatment centers use the term "co-alcoholic" to refer to the person closest to the alcoholic. Invariably, there is a destructive interaction between the alcoholic and this person, and to a great extent this person suffers many of the same emotions as the alcoholic . . . anxiety, guilt, grief.

The alcoholic manipulates and exploits the relationship in order to facilitate the drinking habit. The "co-alcoholic" then plays a dangerous supporting role in the illness: covering bad checks; providing alibis to the alcoholic's employer and other members of the family; taking on more and more of the alcoholic's responsibilities. All of this frees the alcoholic to concentrate on drinking.

Frequently, before the alcoholic can get well, it is necessary to break up the destructive patterns of interdependence that have formed.

Because of the guilt, tension, and overwhelming responsibilities, most family members are unable to effectively help the alcoholic; their emotions are too confused and distorted.

"It's important for them to realize that they must first gain control of their own lives," says Conley. "To do this, they need professional help."

For information and assistance in Grumman, employees can call Personnel Relations at Ext. 3521, or the Medical department at Ext. 2101.

Outside Grumman, call the Long Island Council on Alcoholism at (516) 747-2606; the Al-Anon Information Service of Nassau at (516) 485-6060; or the Al-Anon Suffolk Information Service at (516) 475-6661.

For those outside Nassau and Suffolk, contact the National Council on Alcoholism headquarters at 2 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

(Photo by Rich Breunig)

Book review

Though *The Grumman Story* is the most comprehensive book about the company, its people and its products, there are several other publications about Grumman on the market.

Here are just a few of the books written specifically about Grumman or in which the company is prominently mentioned:

Grumman Guidebook by Mitch Mayborn, American Aircraft Series, Book No. 4, Vol. 1. A history of pre-war Grumman aircraft, FF-1 through XP-50. Answers many questions, contains detailed accurate statistics and covers all versions and unusual applications of Grumman aircraft. Contains many photographs, magazine covers and sales material. Available in all Employee Services offices for $7.95.

Wings Vol. 4, Part 57, Orbis Publishers Ltd. A British weekly magazine. Entire issue devoted to Grumman aircraft from FF-1 through F-14. Article written by Peter Kilduff, accompanied by unusual color and black-and-white photos. A few slight errors, but generally good coverage. A fast way of obtaining brief history of Grumman products. Available at magazine stores and hobby shops.

Bob Rennie *practices his 'kick.* **Keeping in shape.** *Marathoners Bill Dunmyer (L) and Joe Caldwell run after work.*

Agony, ecstacy of long distance runner

It is becoming a national craze. No matter where you drive, you see them running. Young and old, boys and girls, men and women; in all kinds of weather, from every walk of life, people are running.

Runners certainly aren't lagging at Grumman. Lunch hours abound with flying feet and at least three Grummanites have been legging it out in such long-distance races such as the New York City, Boston and Long Island Marathons.

Joe Caldwell, A6-E Engineering Release and Control; Bill Dunmyer, EF-111A support engineer; and Bob Rennie, Advanced Space Systems engineering manager, have run marathons in under three-and-one-half hours. The distance for a marathon is 26 miles, 385 yards. Caldwell, Dunmyer and Rennie, all over 40, ran in recent Long Island and New York City Marathons. Eight days after the Long Island Marathon, Rennie and Dunmyer competed in the granddaddy of all long-distance races, The Boston Marathon. Normally, runners wait one day for each mile they have run in a marathon before competing again.

Running in pairs

Until recently, Rennie and Dunmyer frequently ran together during lunch periods, racing out the back entrance of Stewart Avenue past the lunchtime horseshoe games behind Plant 3 and over to the high school all-weather running track. Bill Dunmyer transferred to Plant 40 in Melville in April and can now be seen running through places like East Hills at lunchtime. Neither Dunmyer or Rennie ever eat on the run.

Joe Caldwell doesn't run at lunch. "It's too much of a hassle for me, and I enjoy running after work." He runs alone, 10-12 miles a day, and on weekends will sometimes run with a group. Caldwell's time in the NYC Marathon was three hours and seven minutes (3:07). "The last three miles were extremely tough on my legs." said Caldwell, "I don't usually have a special diet before a race, but I may try more carbohydrates next time and see if it helps."

The heartbreak mile

Many runners use a "carbohydrate loading diet" before a race so the body might "load" or store extra glycogen. When a runner hits the 20 mile mark in a marathon, his body may have burned up all the glycogen produced by the liver. The body then reaches into the muscle tissue for glycogen and when that is depleted, the body "hits the wall" — breaks down the runner, so to speak and involuntarily, he comes to a stop.

"It happened to me once on a humid day," says Rennie. "I was running along the Sagtikos Parkway and at the 16th mile of a solitary 20-mile training run, I suddenly found myself walking. A half-mile later, I was lying down. I was a mile from my house, and it took me 40 minutes to walk home."

Dunmyer broke down near the finish of a run from Uniondale to Jones Beach and back. It took him two hours to walk the last two miles. Hitting the wall is a fear that all marathoners must live with as they approach the crucial 20-mile mark.

Dunmyer almost broke the three-hour mark in the Long Island Marathon in April. His 3:01 finish placed him fourth in the 40-year-old group and 59th overall. Caldwell's 3:08 finish earned him 91st place and was a minute faster than Rennie's 3:09. Rennie finished fourth of those runners 45 and over.

The first objective of marathon runners is to finish the race. Secondly, the competitors hope to finish as pain-free as possible. The next objective is not where they finish in relation to others but in what time they will finish. Runners generally don't run against each other, but against the clock. They try to meet or beat a certain time that they have set for themselves.

From jogging to running

All three of the marathoners started out as joggers. As they built up stamina (while slimming and toughening their bodies) they began to break into occasional sprints. Running totally was not an overnight process. Bill Dunmyer says, "Running is only enjoyable when you don't run while exhausted. Long distance runners don't really feel any pain or exhaustion till after 20 miles. Then if they've prepared correctly they will finish the course before exhaustion sets in."

Joe Caldwell adds, "When you're running a marathon, you want to get through it as pain-free as possible. We're not masochists out there. There has to be some pain. The body is geared for 20 miles and only superior conditioning is going to carry you those last six miles and 385 yards."

"And when you cross that line," concludes Bob Rennie, ". . . it is an amazing experience. As in the case of the New York City Marathon, upwards of 800,000 people have been cheering for the feat you accomplished. Words can't describe the emotions you feel."

scorecard

Coach Tony Razziano will be holding tryouts for the varsity basketball team in mid-June. The Grumman varsity will play in the Rockville Centre summer league. Potential hoop stars can attend the open tryouts on June 12, 13 and 14, at the Bethpage High School outdoor courts starting at 5:30 p.m.

Hoop finale

Led by Paul Knoph's 105 points in the final two games, Lee Gendron's Over-The-Hill Gang captured the Grumman Athletic Association's Intramural Basketball League Championship.

After an 89-86 defeat in the first of the best two-of-three championship series, the Over-The-Hill Gang knocked off Bob Wissler's Marauders, 101-99 and 99-97. The Marauders had finished first in regular season play.

The Over-The-Hill Gang won the championship at the foul line, collecting 50 points in the three-game set while the Marauders gained only 23 from the line. GAA's Mike Cherry said it was one of the most exciting championship series he'd seen at Grumman,

Varsity tees up

Sloshing his way through a rain-soaked Black Course at Bethpage, Forest White became the low qualifier for the Grumman varsity golf team with a scintillating 78 for a three-round total of 239. White led a 16-man contingent vying for eight spots on the varsity roster.

So keen has the competition become that only three players retained their varsity positions from last year. Tony Cisco, Jim Minsky and Jim Alverson, who finished second, third and fourth respectively, are the returning varsity first team members.

Joe Gambino, who tied Alverson for fourth, joins the roster along with Bob Chalus, Stan Zolek and Ken Prager. Prager's finishing round of 82, brought him out of a three-way tie for 12th place and gained him the final spot on the roster.

On the road

The GAA is sponsoring a tour by deluxe coach to the Renault Winery in Smithville, N.J., on Saturday, July 22. The tour includes a hospitality center, wine cellars, the Champagne Museum and the Antique Equipment Museum. Wines will be sampled and a luncheon is included.

The cost is $22.00 per person. Reservations may be made in person at the GAA office, Monday to Friday, 8:00-4:30, or by mailing a check to the GAA at A01 - GAA. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come basis as long as space is available. For further information, call Ellen Drasser, Ext. 2269 or 2133.

Paddle champs

Various plants recently completed annual Table Tennis tournaments.

At Great River, Mike Maggiore beat Marvin Lewis three matches out of four to win the singles title, then teamed with Rocky Famiglietti to defeat Lewis and John Zito in the doubles. Maggiore and Famiglietti were undefeated in the doubles bracket.

At Plant 7, Bob Brooks came out of the losers bracket to defeat Frank Gatz for the singles championship, then got his when Rocky Costantino and Walter Alber came out of the doubles' losers bracket to defeat Brooks and Paul Sachse.

The A division at Plant 6 was won by Dave Zazeski who defeated George Parent. In doubles play, Jim Knipe and Butch Kruze won three of four from Marv Thorne and Frank Rath. B division singles champ is Dave Kelsky who took two straight from Carl Holmes. Holmes and Paul Faulkner teamed up to defeat Kelsky and Jim Lacy, two and none.

Intramural champs. *The Over-The-Hill Gang are (L to R): front row coach Lee Gendron, Frank Quarto, Ed Krol and Domenick Pagnozzi; back row (L to R) Don Martinolich, Bill Foote, Ron Bartlett, Paul Knoph and Bill Diercks.*

calendar

Aikido Club: every Mon. and Wed., 5 p.m., Pl. 35 cafe; for sport and self-defense; L.I. Aikido Federation; all guests welcome. B. Bauman, x2910/M. Stock, x7186.

Alchoholics Anonymous: every Mon., 5 p.m., Pl. 15 conference room C; closed meetings; Personnel Relations, x3521; Calverton: every Mon. 4-5 p.m., Headquarters Building; Great River: every Wed., 4-5 p.m., Pl. 43 conference room 3.

Amateur Radio Club: Wed., June 21, 5 p.m.; WA2LQO radio shack, Pl. 5; general meeting; all welcome; ARRL Field Day: Sat., June 24 & Sun., June 25, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., MacKay Field; all guests welcome. J. Courtney, x2536.

American Production & Inventory Control Society: Mon., June 19, dinner 6:30 p.m., presentation 8:00 p.m.; Antun's, Hicksville; local chapter; slide presentation: "Our Town;" guest speaker: George Meade, WOR Helicopter; all guests welcome. N. Heilweil, x2250.

ASHRAE: Tues., June 13, cocktail hour 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., meeting 8 p.m. Alumni Club, Hofstra University; Long Island chapter; Installation Night, Past President's Night; all guests welcome. T. Murphy, x5840.

Dance Club: every Wed., 5-8 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe; June 14 hustle/June 21 social at Decameron; friends and relatives welcome. E. Murway, x4393/M. Brown, x3262.

Duplicate Bridge Club: every Thurs., 6 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe; open competition; guests welcome. S. Campbell, x3382/F. O'Lear, x5120.

Fencing Club: every Tues., after 4:30 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe; both beginners and experienced fencers; instruction and competition; GAC employees and dependents welcome. P. Chaldaris, x4331.

Folk-Dancers Club: every Tues., folk dancing, every Thurs., hustle and ballroom dancing; some instructions available lunchtime; receiving area Pl. 6; all welcome. E. Urciuoli, x(117)6688.

Flying Club: Fri., June 9; Pl. 28 auditorium; regular monthly membership meeting; second film in a series of six on "History of Flight" will be shown; all guests welcome. R. Reisch, x3286.

IEEE L.I. Section: June 13, 1978, 8 p.m., Farmingdale Campus of Polytech. Inst. of N.Y., Farmingdale; guest speaker: David Westermann, Chairman L.I. Forum for Technology (LIFT); guests welcome. D. O'Donnell, x5756.

Model Railroad Society: every Wed., 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Model RR Bldg. (at Pl. 3 rr crossing); regular meeting; guests welcome. R. Muntz, X8101.

Picnic tix go on sale June 19

Saturday, July 15, is the really BIG day, the day of the 37th Annual Grumman family picnic at Calverton.

Charlie Fuschillo, director of Employee Services, estimates that 40,000 people will attend the annual event which began in 1939. (The picnic was cancelled during World War II gas-rationing years of 1943-1945.)

As in years past, there will be many activities for children of all ages at the Calverton picnic grounds. Races, dancing, games and sports, beer, soda, hot dogs and the annual kiddie boxing show follows the flag raising ceremonies at 10 a.m. The Grumman Employee Band will also be on hand to provide continuous dance music. Door prizes will be awarded and for sports watchers, an exhibition softball game is on tap.

Admission is still $3 per person and children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets go on sale Monday, June 19, at all ESO offices. No tickets will be sold at the gate. More information on the picnic will appear in the next edition of Plane News.

There's big demand for unlimited resource

Suppose someone you cared about needed blood, and none was available?

That's something that should never happen, because blood is an endless resource. But lately, Grumman's donations to the Inter-County Blood Service have been surpassed by the amount of blood used by Grummanites and their families.

"Too many people aren't keeping their donor appointments," says Harry Volz, deputy director of Security and Personnel Services, "and right now, we're using more blood than we're giving.

"For example, in January, 1978, we scheduled 504 people for their blood donations. Only 182 people came. In March, 468 people were scheduled, and 136 responded," says Volz. "Maybe 136 pints of blood seems like a lot. . . but when you consider that one child with leukemia may require platelets extracted from 20 pints of blood every day, it's not much at all. Those 136 pints aren't even enough to take care of that one child for a week."

Increased need

In the summertime, the problem gets worse, according to Carole Zilka, a representative of Inter-County Blood Services who coordinates the program at Grumman.

"There's always a heightened need in the summer, especially around holiday weekends," says Zilka. "Unfortunately, that's when our supplies are lowest. College and high school students (17-year-olds can give) are usually good donors, and they're on vacation then. Most working people take their vacations in the summer, too, and that contributes to our dilemma.

Marilyn Haberski

"There are 43 hospitals in Nassau and Suffolk Counties that depend on Inter-County Blood Services for their needs. We're the only collector and distributor of blood on Long Island," says Zilka.

"Because Grumman is such a large employer, we look to them for a great deal of support. Maybe people don't realize how urgent the need is. . . how very, very important it is for them to keep their appointments."

Stennie Hull

Reason to give

The many Grummanites who have honored their commitments to give have many reasons for making the donation.

Saul Berger of Plant 1 is a member of the "eight gallon club"... although he's up to eight-and-a-half gallons now. In the past 12-1/2 years, Saul has rolled up his sleeve 68 times, or roughly five times a year. (Five times a year is the most frequent donation medically permitted.)

Why does he do it? "I'm aware of the need," Saul says. "It's just a good feeling to do a good deed. Also, a while ago I found out that my particular blood type is useful in open heart surgery and for children, so I feel an obligation to give as often as I can."

Stennie Hull in Plant 25 learned a long time ago how important it is to give blood.

"The first time I gave was in the Air Force in a combat situation. They would look at your dog tags, and if you were the right blood type you were the donor. They'd have you lie down next to the injured guy, and just transfuse from your arm to his. It was a pretty dramatic way to learn how critical the need for blood can be. I still give every year."

Karl Herrnkind of Plant 2 is another regular donor. "I've given every year for the past few years," says Karl. "It just seems like a worthwhile thing to do." Marilyn Haberski of Plant 111 agrees. "If I need it, or any member of my family, I hope it would be available. I think it's important for every healthy person to do their part."

It only pinches for a second; giving blood is essentially painless and perfectly safe for anyone in good health. It takes the body about 24 hours to replace the fluids lost and to put into circulation the red blood cells that are stored in the body's reservoirs.

The gift you give can mean the difference between life and death to accident victims, victims of leukemia or hemophilia, or surgical patients. Unlimited blood replacement is available to husbands, wives, dependent children, parents and grandparents on both sides of the donor's family. (By the way, the same coverage is given through Grumman's medical insurance plan.)

If for any reason you are unable to keep your donor date, call Employee Services, Ext. 3391. They'll be happy to set up a new appointment for you.

Saul Berger

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